

Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Date: 10/20/2025
Location and Time: Via Microsoft Teams 10 am – 12 pm
Present: Kelly Dougherty, Shawn Burke, Daniel Franklin, Jess Kirby, Deb Wright, Ruth Hardy, Monica Hutt, Eric Maguire, Liz McLoughlin, Amie Wunderlich
Absent: Madeline Motta, Matt Prouty, Tim Tanner, Thomas Davis, Stacey Sigmon
Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker: Kelly Dougherty, Sarah Gregorek

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
Approve October 6, 2025, Minutes Kelly Dougherty	Daniel Franklin made a motion to add the minutes to the agenda and Deb Wright seconded the motion and it passed unanimously A motion was NOT made to approve the minutes, we will revisit this at the next meeting.	
Revert \$1.444 million back to the fund Kelly Dougherty	The Committee was notified at a previous meeting that there is a remaining \$1.444M of unspent funds that can be reverted back to the OSAC fund. The unused funds are from the DOC medication dosing unit (\$444,000) and stabilization beds (\$1M). This funding is no longer needed for these projects. Ruth Hardy made a motion to recommend reverting the money back to the fund and Deb Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
Preliminary Proposal Discussion Kelly Dougherty	In advance of the meeting, Kelly emailed a comprehensive summary of the proposals, including additional details as requested at the last meeting, to the members for their review and discussion. Motion – Ruth Hardy moved that the Committee request DSU and relevant staff, as determined by the Deputy Commissioner, provide additional factual information about the 38 top proposals and all proposals for recovery housing,	The additional data that VDH gathers will be sent to the committee for their review prior to the 11/3 meeting.

	youth prevention, direct treatment, first responders, and general harm reduction. The additional factual information that DSU provides shall include, but not be limited to, 1) the geographic location of the proposal and whether the proposal would provide services statewide; and 2) whether the proposed activity is already being conducted in Vermont, by whom, and where; and 3) whether there are other sources of funding, either existing or possible, for the activity proposed. Monica Hutt made a motion to amend the previous motion by adding the following highlighted text to the 2nd sentence of the motion: “The additional factual information that DSU provides shall, TO THE BEST OF THE STAFF'S ABILITY, INCLUDE but not be limited to, 1) the geographic location of the proposal and whether the proposal would provide services statewide; and 2) whether the proposed activity is already being conducted in Vermont, by whom, and where; and 3) whether there are other sources of funding, either existing or possible, for the activity proposed.” The motion to amend was seconded by Ruth Hardy and the motion to amend passed unanimously. Ruth Hardy renewed her motion to adopt the previous motion as amended. Chief Burke seconded the motion. The motion as amended passed unanimously. Ruth Hardy made a motion that we have a special meeting on 11/3 for the purpose of further reviewing proposals for OSAC funding, Deb Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ruth Hardy made a motion that DSU provide recovery housing and outreach workers funding information at the 11/3 meeting. Monica seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.	
Public Comment	Ed Baker	

	Suggested the Committee read the Vermont social autopsy report to understand who is dying from drug overdoses, where they are dying and recommended interventions. He noted that abstinence centric comments were made throughout the meeting, and they may be unrealistic. He further stated that use reduction is a step towards recovery and encouraged the Committee to stay current with research. Samantha Sheehan, VLCT Stated that she appreciated the hard work and deliberations of the Committee to improve transparency and have a logical process. She noted that in the beginning of the Committee, there was guidance on how to use the appropriations as these are not tax dollars, and the legislature cannot appropriate the opioid settlement funds to municipalities. She stated that the Committee has opportunities to achieve a local impact where there is a service gap and push innovation like contingency management.	
Next Meeting	November 3, 2025, 10 - noon	